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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 18 as follows:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing alerts to sources
2 of media content, comprising:

3 establishing a profile corresponding to topics of interest;

4 automatically scanning available media sources, selecting a
5 source and extracting from the content of the selected media source
6 via analysis of rendered content, identifying information

7 characterizing the content of the source;

8 comparing the identifying information to the profile and if a
9 match is found, indicating the media source as available for
10 access;

11 automatically scanning available media sources for a next
12 source of media content and extracting identifying information from
13 said next source and comparing the identifying information from
14 said next source to the profile and if a match is found, indicating
15 said next media source as available for access.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the scanning and

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2 comparing steps are repeated until all available media sources are
3 scanned.

1 3.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the available
2 sources of media include television broadcasts.

1 4.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the available
2 sources of media include television broadcasts and radio
3 broadcasts.

1 5.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the available
2 sources of media include television broadcasts and website
3 information.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

1 7.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying
2 information is extracted using voice to text conversion processing.

1 8.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying
2 information is extracted using screen text extraction.

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1 9.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying
2 information is extracted using voice pattern or face pattern
3 recognition.

1 10.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sources of
2 media content are made available at a first location and a user at
3 a second location remote from the first location accesses the
4 available sources of media content.

1 11.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of
2 the available media sources are recorded or downloaded and reviewed
3 at a later time.

1 12.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the profile
2 includes topics of interest.

1 13.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the profile
2 includes topics of interest selected from the group consisting of
3 sports, weather and traffic.

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1 14.(Original) The method of claim 1, comprising the step of
2 activating an alert available indicator when a profile match is
3 made.

1 15.(Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the profile
2 contains a plurality of topics of interest and different topics are
3 associated with different alert levels and the different alert
4 levels are associated with different types of alert available
5 indicators.

1 16.(Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the indicator
2 is an audible indicators.

1 17.(Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the indicator
2 is a visible indicator.

1 18.(Currently Amended ed) A system for creating media alerts,
2 comprising:
3 a receiver device constructed to receive and scan signals
4 containing media content from multiple sources;

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5 a storage device capable of receiving and storing user defined
6 alert profile information;
7 a processor linked to the receiver and constructed to extract
8 identifying information from a plurality of scanned signals
9 containing media content via analysis of rendered content;
10 a comparing device constructed to compare the extracted
11 identifying information to the profile information and when a match
12 is detected, make the signal containing the media content available
13 for review.

1 19.(Original) The system of claim 18, comprising an alert
2 indicator which is activated when a match is detected.

1 20.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the
2 receiver, processor and comparing device are constructed and
3 arranged to scan through all media sources scannable by the
4 receiver to compile a subset of available media sources for review,
5 that match the profile information.

1 21.(Original) The system of claim 18, including a computer

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2 constructed to receive user defined profile information and compare
3 that information to the identifying information to identify
4 matches.

1 22.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver is
2 constructed to receive television signals.

1 23.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver
2 comprises a first tuner constructed to process television signals
3 and the system further comprises a second tuner constructed to
4 assist in the display of either media available for review or other
5 media.

1 24.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the
2 receiver comprises a tuner for processing broadcast radio signals.

1 25.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the
2 receiver comprises a web crawler.

1 26.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver,

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2 storage device, processor and comparing device are housed within a
3 television set.

1 27.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver,
2 storage device, processor and comparing device are operatively
3 coupled to a television set.

1 28.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storage
2 device is constructed and arranged to receive the profile
3 information from a keyboard.

1 29.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storage
2 device is constructed and arranged to receive the profile
3 information from a signal generated when a user performs selected
4 mouse clicks.

1 30.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storage
2 device contains a plurality of selectable predefined alert
3 profiles.

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